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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks that follow be considered, and that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) made in the Office action be withdrawn. Applicants further request that the rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be held in abeyance until all the claims are deemed otherwise allowable.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission, but if a fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In response to the Office action of July 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.